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The reply filed on December 23, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The appeal brief filed 12/23/02 is being held in non-compliance and a supplemental appeal brief should be filed within 30 days from the mail date of the notice of non-compliance. The supplemental appeal brief, to be filed, will supplement the previously filed appeal and include the additional substance within like headings as indicated below:

(4) Status of Amendments: a statement of the status of any amendments filed subsequent to final rejection (e.g. after final amendment filed 09/18/02 has not been entered),

(6) Issues: a concise statement of the appealable issues presented for the board's review (e.g. [I] whether claims 1-2, 4, 5-8-11, 13-16 and 20 are properly rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as

anticipated or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Valaskovic (US patent 6,190,559), [ii] whether claim 4 is properly rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valaskovic (559), and [iii] whether claim 20 is properly rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valaskovic (559) in view of Golias (US patent 4,341,635)),

(8) Argument: your contentions, as appellant, with respect to each of the issues presented for board review in item (6) above of this interview summary, and the basis, with citations of the authorities, statutes, and parts of the record relied on. Each issue should be treated under a separate heading. [I] For each rejection under 102, the argument shall specify the errors in the rejection and why the rejected claims are patentable under 102, including any specific limitations in the rejected claims which are not described in the prior art relied upon in the rejection. [ii] For each rejection under 35 USC 103, the argument shall specify the errors in the rejection and, if appropriate, the specific limitations in the rejected claims which are not described in the prior art relied on in the rejection, and shall explain how such limitations render the claimed subject matter unobvious over the prior art. If the rejection is based upon a combination of references, the argument shall explain why the references, taken as a whole, do not suggest the claimed subject matter, and shall include, as may be appropriate, an explanation of why features disclosed in one reference may not properly be combined with features disclosed in another reference. A general argument that all the limitations are not described in a single reference does not satisfy the requirements of this paragraph. This section involves only appealable subject matter (i.e. rejections made by the examiner under 35 USC 102 & 103).

(9) Appendix: an appendix containing an accurate copy of the claims involved in the appeal.

The claims contained in the appendix may not include limitations which were deemed 'not to be entered' in amendments filed subsequent to the final rejection.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to E. Therkorn at telephone number (703) 308-0362.



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